

ABSTRACT

The amount of unsolicited bulk e-mail messages received by an e-mail user is reduced by providing the user with a temporary e-mail address and a permanent e-mail address. The temporary addresses are generated by a server on an ongoing basis. The current temporary address is linked to the permanent e-mail address such that e-mail messages sent to the current temporary address are forwarded to the permanent address and e-mail messages sent to a former temporary address are not forwarded to the permanent address and not received by the user. The method and system also provide a degree of anonymity to the e-mail user.